



Lawrence Pond
Sandwich
Barnstable County
Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.6986605 N Longitude: 70.4411982 W



138 Acres
Depth: 15 Feet Average
27 Feet Maximum
Primary Gamefish:
Largemouth Bass,
Smallmouth Bass

General Information:

Lawrence Pond is a 138 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 15 feet and a maximum depth of 27 feet. Transparency is very good, extending to 16 feet, and aquatic vegetation is scarce. The bottom is composed of sand and gravel. The ponds 2.1 miles of shoreline is moderately developed with houses and two summer youth camps.

Access:

Lawrence Pond is located about 2 miles south of the junction of Route 6 and Chase Road. Access is provided by a right-of-way off of Great Hill Road at the southeastern corner of the pond. Canoes and cartop boats can be launched here. The solid bottom is also excellent for wading. With no formal parking lot available, anglers must park along the shoulder of the road.

Management History:

An August 19, 1911 survey of the pond noted eight species of fish including eels and suckers. At this time, the pond was surrounded by pasture land and had an interesting zonation of shoreline plants. Between 1932 and 1946, Lawrence Pond was stocked with smallmouth bass, white perch, yellow perch, brown bullhead and chain pickerel. It was reclaimed in 1958, but has not been stocked with trout due to the lack of coldwater habitat. The pond was treated with limestone in 1986 and 1991 to counteract the effects of acid rain.

Fish Populations:

The last major survey of this pond was conducted in 1982, at which time seven species were recorded present: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, brown bullhead, pumpkinseed and killifish. Small yellow perch (4 to 5 inches) were the most abundant fish in the pond at that time.

Fishing:

Lawrence Pond is known to contain healthy populations of both largemouth and smallmouth bass. For bass, try casting small jigs, sinking crankbaits and spinnerbaits in light colors to any visible structure, and also along the channel between the southern points. Except at sunrise, sunset or during the hours of darkness, most legal bass will be at depths of 10 to 25 feet. The eastern points often hold pickerel, particularly around the limited patches of aquatic vegetation. Other nearby ponds in Sandwich include Spectacle Pond, Triangle Pond and Peters Pond.

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